



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

May 12, 2016

Town of Berlin, D.P.U. 16-45

Town of Bernardston, D.P.U. 16-47

Town of Wendell, D.P.U. 16-49

Town of Salisbury, D.P.U. 16-51

Town of Millville, D.P.U. 16-46

Town of Egremont, D.P.U. 16-48

Town of Sandisfield, D.P.U. 16-50

Petitions of the Towns of Berlin, Millville, Bernardston, Egremont, Wendell, Sandisfield, and Salisbury for approval of municipal aggregation plans pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On April 28, 2016, the Towns of Berlin, Millville, Bernardston, Egremont, Wendell, Sandisfield, and Salisbury (collectively, the "Municipalities") each filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition seeking approval of a municipal aggregation plan ("Plan"). The Department docketed these petitions as D.P.U. 16-45, D.P.U. 16-46, D.P.U. 16-47, D.P.U. 16-48, D.P.U. 16-49, D.P.U. 16-50, and D.P.U. 16-51, respectively.

General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure a contract for electric supply on behalf of electricity consumers within its municipal borders. Eligible consumers not already enrolled with an alternative electric supplier will be automatically enrolled in the municipal aggregation program unless they chose to "opt-out" in which case they would remain enrolled on basic service provided by their electric distribution company (i.e., Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid or Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy).

To implement each municipal aggregation program, the Municipalities each seek Department approval of their respective Plans. The Municipalities' filings include a form competitive electric service agreement, which will be negotiated with potential competitive supplier(s). The Municipalities have retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. ("Colonial") to serve as agent in these proceedings. Under the Plans, Colonial will assist in the implementation of the municipal aggregation programs. The Municipalities seek a waiver, on behalf of their competitive supplier(s) selected by the Municipalities, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a public hearing at the Department's offices, located at One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, on **Wednesday, June 29, 2016**,

at 2:00 p.m., to receive comments on the Plans. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the public hearing noted above or submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, June 29, 2016**.

An original hard copy of all written comments must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. Two copies of all written comments must also be sent to Elizabeth Lydon and Kate Tohme, Hearing Officers, at the Department of Public Utilities. One copy of all written comments should also be sent to the attorney for Colonial, James M. Avery, Esq., Pierce Atwood LLP, 100 Summer Street, Suite 2250, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and to the Hearing Officers, Elizabeth Lydon, Elizabeth.Lydon@state.ma.us, and Kate Tohme, Kate.Tohme@state.ma.us or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number(s) of the proceeding(s) (D.P.U. 16-45, D.P.U. 16-46, D.P.U. 16-47, D.P.U. 16-48, D.P.U. 16-49, D.P.U. 16-50, or D.P.U. 16-51, depending on the Municipality); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the Municipalities' petitions are available for public viewing at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, during regular business hours. A copy of each Municipality's petition is also available for public viewing at its municipal offices, as follows:

Town of Berlin, 23 Linden Street, Berlin, Massachusetts 01503;
Town of Millville, 8 Central Street, Millville, Massachusetts 01529;
Town of Bernardston, 38 Church Street, Bernardston, Massachusetts 01337;
Town of Egremont, 171 Egremont Plain Road, Great Barrington, MA 01230;
Town of Wendell, 9 Morse Village Road, Wendell, Massachusetts 01379;
Town of Sandisfield, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, Massachusetts 01255;
Town of Salisbury, 5 Beach Road, Salisbury, Massachusetts 01952.

In addition, electronic filings are available on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Any person desiring further information regarding the Municipalities' filings should contact counsel for Colonial, James Avery at (617) 488-8100. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact either Elizabeth Lydon or Kate Tohme, Hearing Officers, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.